1	2	3	4
4.	Gambhiri	,,	
5.	Jaisamand	1.85	0.925
6.	Chappi	3.50	1.750
7.	Sawan Bhadon	Not Sanctioned	-
8.	Parwan Lift	,,	-
9.	Gang Canal	,,	,,
	Total	5.35	2.675

The Central Assistance is also being provided to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project outside the State Plan under the Border Area Development Programme for the timely completion of the Project. The details of Central Assistance made available to Rajasthan during the last three years for IGNP and other Projects under Border Area Development Programme are given below :-

(Rs. Crores)

Year	Amount Released	
	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project	Other Projects under Border Area Development Programme
1994-95	60.00	20.44
1995-96	60.00	25.63
1996-97	60.00	25.63

INDUSTRY & MINERALS

Growth Centres in Rajasthan

(Rs. Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Status	Funds Released	
			During last 3 years	Total Released
1.	Abu Road	Approved	8.00	10.00
2.	Bikaner	-do-	1.00	3.00
3.	Dholpur	-do-	2.00	2.50
4.	Jhalawar	-do-	2.50	3.00
5.	Bhilwara	Under Appraisal	-	0.50

[Translation]

Birth Rate

2361. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the field of family welfare during the last threeyears and the extent to which the birth rate has declined;

(b) whether the cooperation of the N.G.Os and other agencies is being sought and the grants are being provided to them during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have received external assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the sources of external assistance and the fields where the same is being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Decennial census of the country, among the other things, also assessed the Birth Rate. Annual changes in the Birth Rate are so small that these cannot be reliably assessed from year to year. In 1951 the Birth Rate in the country was assessed as 39.9, which has come down to 32.5 according to 1991 census. During last 3 years the programmes for Family Welfare have been effectively implemented, which would show their impact on key Family Welfare indicators that would be assessed during 2001 census.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. External assistance has been received for the development of infrastructure, material & human resource under the Family Welfare Programme from various agencies mainly World Bank, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, WHO, ODA, DANIDA & NORAD.

The projects assisted by the World Bank, UNICEF, DANIDA & ODA pertain to Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme. The items included in these projects are vaccine, cold chain equipments, medical equipments, drug kits and specific operational activities, like, training, etc. The assistance received from USAID covers the areas of strengthening of survey/research capabilities of Population Research Centres and for innovative activities in family planning services in Uttar Pradesh. WHO has provided assistance to various institutions/collaborative centres involved in the area of Human Reproduction. Assistance from UNFPA has been utilised mainly for Area Development Projects in selected States and for population education project.

Kendriya Bhandar

2362. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether consumer items available in Kendriya Bhandar particularly in Delhi are substandard and the prices thereof are higher as compared to the market price;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints during the last three years in this regard;

(c) if so, the number thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of consumer items and also excess price in all the branches of Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SH. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) All the goods packed by the Kendriya Bhandar are released for sale only after pre-testing. Goods are also tested after lifting them at random from the stores. Kendriya Bhandar's quality control Department also investigates all complaints in regard to quality of goods on sale. It is, thus, not correct that Kendriya Bhandar sells substandard goods.

As regards prices, Kendriya Bhandar adds small mark-up to cover its overheads. Its prices are, therefore, generally lower than the market prices.

(b) and (c) The number of complaints/suggestions received by Kendriya Bhandar during the last 3 years in regard to quality are as under:-

Year	Numbers
1994-95	26
1995-96	23
1996-97	5

No complaint regarding prices has been received during the above period in Kendriya Bhandar.

(d): The steps taken by the Kndriya Bhandar as indicated vide answer to part (a) adequately ensure control on the quality as well as the prices of consumer items on sale in its various stores.

[English]

Leksell Gamma Knife

2363. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Leksell gamma knife has been installed at AIIMS, New Delhi to undertake brain surgery without opening the skull;

(b) if so, the cost of the above gamma knife;

(c) the average number of brain surgeries being performed every year at NIMHANS Bangalore; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to procure Leksell gamma knife for NIMHANS, Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of Leksell Gamma Knife is Rs. 12.64 crores.

(c) On an average 1500 brain surgeries are performed every year at NIMHANS, Bangalore.

(d) The Institute have projected the requirement of Leksell Gamma Knife in the 9th Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Health Melas

2364. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Health Melas organised by the Government during the year 1996-97;

(b) the number of such Melas organised in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the number of melas out of them organised by Government and Non-Government Organisations, separately and the locations thereof;

(d) the funds utilised for organising Melas in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) whether any specific conditions have been laid down to organise such Melas through Non-Government Organisations; and

(f) the number of Melas organised by (i) Indian Medical Association (ii) Rotary/Lions Club (iii) Indian Red Cross Society in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1996-97 and the funds given to them for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) 1237 Swasthya Melas were sanctioned to be organised by States Government & N.G.Os during 1996-97.

(b) to (d) Eight Swasthya Melas were organised in Uttar Pradesh only through N.G.Os at Dahagaon Kekrala